

TRADITIONAL UNITED WAY GRANTS

Three year grants are given to local non-profits to address the priority goals set by United Way through careful needs assessment and partner input. They are allocated through a fund distribution process involving community volunteers and board members.

SCHOOL READINESS



Friendship House Preschool

Young Families Early Head Start

YWCA - Childcare

- Improved Kindergarten readiness
- Increased parenting skills
- Increased early literacy skills
- Increased access to affordable childcare
- Children reach developmental benchmarks

SCHOOL SUCCESS



Boys & Girls Club

Friendship House - After School Program

Tumbleweed

- Increased connections to caring adults
- Improved reading & math performance
- Increased social/emotional growth
- Students achieve attendance targets
- Students transition to college or employment

CRISIS STABILIZATION



Family Service

HRDC - Wheels to Work

Yellowstone CASA

YWCA - Transitional Services

- Increased permanency for children
- Homelessness prevention
- Increased access to transportation
- Increased access to legal and mental health services

SENIOR INDEPENDENCE



Big Sky Senior Services

Adult Resource Alliance - Meals on Wheels

- Provide assistance to senior citizens to overcome barriers to independent living.

UWYC SHORT TERM OUTCOMES

LEVERAGED Funding:

To win the fight to eradicate poverty takes more than individual programs. United Way of Yellowstone County leverages additional funds from businesses, foundations and government to support collaborative endeavors aimed at system change. Allocation of funds is determined by local experts, collaborative plans and funder criteria.

Best Beginnings Council: Focus on age 0-8

Projects: Childcare and Parent Training; Bed Bug Eradication; Coordinated Referral Hub for Home Visiting; Childhood Hunger; Trauma Informed Care

Funds: MT Preschool Development Grant; Montana Community Foundation; DESTRESS Grant from Healthy By Design

Trauma Informed Care and the effects of ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

With funding from the Healthy By Design DESTRESS grant, UWYC facilitated subawards to nonprofits for in-depth training on trauma informed care. The goal is for our whole community to be operating in a trauma informed manner.

Emergency Food and Shelter Program

Federal legislation allocates funds administered by local agencies to supplement and expand the on-going work of local social service organizations to provide shelter, food and supportive services to people who have economic emergencies.

Reach Out and Read

ROR is an evidence-based program that incorporates early literacy into pediatric practice, equipping parents with tools and knowledge to ensure that their children are prepared to learn when they start school. ROR is made possible by a grant from EBMS.

Grade Level Reading and Attendance

Five pilot sites work year round to improve school attendance and grade level reading. An additional 11 schools join in the Attendance Awareness Outreach in August and September. This is made possible through generous support from the business community, and the Sample Foundation.

- Billings Clinic
- Billings Public Schools
- District 7 HRDC Childcare Division
- DPHHS Children's Mental Health
- Early Childhood Intervention
- Family Tree Center
- Family Support Network
- Head Start
- RiverStone Health
- St. Vincent Healthcare
- School Wellness Coach
- STEP
- The Center for Children and Families
- The Mental Health Center
- Young Families Early Head Start

- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- CASA of Yellowstone County
- District 7 HRDC
- Family Promise
- Family Support Network
- Family Tree Center
- Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch

- St. Vincent De Paul
- YMCA
- YWCA Billings

- The Children's Clinic
- Billings Clinic
- SVP Laurel Medical Center

Year Round Sites

- McKinley Elementary, Newman Elementary, Rose Park Elementary, CARE Academy, Friendship House

Attendance Awareness Month

- Beartooth, Big Sky, Bitterroot, Broadwater, Eagle Cliffs, McKinley, Miles Ave, Newman, Orchard, Poly Drive, Ponderosa, Rose Park, Sandstone, Washington

Resource Referral: Montana211.org

Montana211.org provides one-stop shopping for resources such as: housing, food, after school care, mental and physical health, veterans, employment, addictions, senior services, disability services, and more.

Database contains over 900 resources. 470 agencies help us maintain the database. Funding received from the DESTRESS grant from Healthy By Design.

